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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 4-9, 11-16, 18, 19, 21-24 and 26-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 8, 9, 11-15, 18-19, 21-24 and 26 have been amended.

Claims 2-3, 10, 17, 20 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicant reserves all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

New claims 27-35 have been added in order to further define what the Applicant considers to be the invention. Applicant respectfully asserts that no new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action stated that claims 7, 14 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 17 has been added to independent claim 15. Applicant respectfully asserts that this amendment to claim 15 renders claim 15 allowable.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 15, 16, 18-21 and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Gaynor et al. (US Patent 5,939,939) in view of Blodgett (US Patent 5,430,418).

Regarding amended independent claims 1, 18 and 23, Applicant respectfully asserts that these amended independent claims include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by Gaynor et al. and/or Blodgett taken separately and/or in combination.

It is well established that an obviousness rejection requires a showing of a teaching or a suggestion by the prior art of all the elements of a claim (M.P.E.P. §2142). Without conceding the appropriateness of the rejection, Applicant respectfully submits that Gaynor et al. in view of Blodgett do not disclose or fairly suggest, at least, "...a first active component coupled to a first capacitor of a first capacitor-inductor-capacitor impedance converter and a second active component coupled to a first capacitor of a second capacitor- inductor- capacitor impedance converter...", as recited in amended claims 1, 18 and 23.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that a Prima Facie case of obviousness cannot be established with regard claims 1, 18 and 23. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 18 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Applicant canceled claims 2-3, 20 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant notes that claim 4 depends from claim 1; claims 19, 21 and newly added claims 34-35 depend from claim 18; and claims 24, 26 and newly added claims 27-30 depend from claim 23. Thus, in addition to any independent bases for patentability, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 19, 21, 24, 26 and newly added claims 27-32 and 34-35 are similarly patentable over all the cited reference by virtue of at least such dependency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of such claims be withdrawn.

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With regard to independent amended claim 15, as discussed above, the allowed subject matter of claim 17 has been added to claim 15, rendering this claim allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Applicant notes that claim 16 and newly claim 33 depend from claim 15. Thus, in addition to any independent bases for patentability, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 16 and newly added claim 33 are similarly patentable over all the cited reference by virtue of at least such dependency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of such claims be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 5, 6 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Gaynor et al. (US Patent 5,939,939) in view of Blodgett (US Patent 5,430,418) in combination with Kobayashi (US Patent 6,252,463).

Applicant notes that claims 5 and 6 depend from amended independent claim 1, and claim 22 depends from amended independent claim 18. Thus, in addition to any independent bases for patentability, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 6 and 18 are similarly patentable over all the cited reference by virtue of at least such dependency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of such claims be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Gaynor et al. (US Patent 5,939,939) in view of Blodgett (US Patent 5,430,418) in combination with Bishop (US Patent 6,337,666).

Regarding amended independent claim 8, Applicant respectfully asserts that this amended independent claim includes limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by Gaynor et al. and/or Blodgett and/or Bishop taken separately and/or in combination.

It is well established that an obviousness rejection requires a showing of a teaching or a suggestion by the prior art of all the elements of a claim (M.P.E.P. §2142). Without conceding the appropriateness of the rejection, Applicant respectfully submits that Gaynor et al. in view of Blodgett and further view of Bishop do not disclose or fairly suggest, at least, "...a first active component coupled to a first capacitor of a first capacitor-inductor-capacitor

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impedance converter and a second active component coupled to a first capacitor of a second capacitor- inductor-capacitor impedance converter...”, as recited in amended claim 8.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that a Prima Facie case of obviousness cannot be established with regard to independent amended claim 8. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Applicant canceled claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant notes that claims 9 and 11 and newly added claims 31-32 depend from claim 8. Thus, in addition to any independent bases for patentability, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 11 and newly added claims 31-32 are similarly patentable over the cited reference by virtue of at least such dependency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of such claims be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Gaynor et al. (US Patent 5,939,939) in view of Blodgett (US Patent 5,430,418) in view of Bishop (US Patent 6,337,666) in combination with Kobayashi (US Patent 6,252,463).

Applicant notes that claims 12 and 13 depend from amended independent claim 8. Thus, in addition to any independent bases for patentability, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12 and 13 are similarly patentable over the cited reference by virtue of at least such dependency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of such claims be withdrawn.

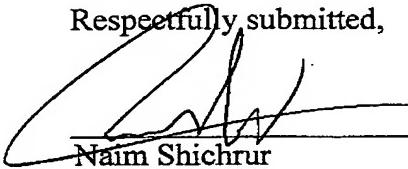
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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